

PASTOR DAN'S GLEANINGS FROM *EXPERIENCING GOD*

Unit 1

1. Phil. 2:13 It is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (NIV)
John 7:17 If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself. (NKJV)
2. The question is not "What is God's will for me" but "What is God's will?"
3. What are we doing in our church that we could do without God?
4. God does not tell us what to do, then send us off to do it. He works and invites (calls) us to join Him where He is already working.
5. 1 Cor. 1:26 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, 29 so that no man may boast before God. 30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, 31 so that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD. (NASV)

God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things so that He gets the glory and not man.

Unit 2

1. The Bible is not about man's walk with God, but a record of God accomplishing His purpose. The Bible is not man-centered but God-centered.
2. Moses required forty years of exile in a wilderness to get him back on track with God.
3. The key to knowing God's will is not a method, but a relationship. It is listening to the Spirit speak through the word of God and confirming it through peace in our hearts.
4. John 8:47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God. (ESV)
5. Nothing is more pathetic than having a small character and a big assignment.

Unit 3

1. Everything about our lives, our understanding of God, and our relationship with Him depends on our understanding that our purpose for existing is to give God glory.
2. Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (NKJV)

God did not create us for time, but for eternity. Our focus should not be on our past but on our future – on becoming like Christ.
3. Every scripture speaks the same message – salvation is God's prerogative. We are saved because He chose us, not because we invited Him into our hearts.

John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. (NKJV)

John 6:65 I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father. (NKJV)

Luke 10:22 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. (NKJV)

John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit. (NKJV)

4. God is working in our world. We do not work and ask God to bless our work. He calls us to join Him in the work He is already doing. We are blessed as a result.

Unit 4

1. The Scriptures are a record of God's revelation of Himself to people.
2. Obedience is an outward expression of your love for God. If you have an obedience problem, you have a love problem.
3. Deut. 6:24 The LORD commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the LORD our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. 25 And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness (NIV)

When God gives a command, He is not restricting you. He is freeing you. God's commands are designed to lead you to life's best.

4. God works through people whom He chooses when He chooses to call them, regardless of their relationship to Him. (This is not exactly what Henry Blackaby taught, but it is closer to the truth of the matter than what the workbook says.)
5. People do not seek God unless He is at work in their lives. As Jesus passed through a crowd, He always looked for where the Father was at work. The crowd is not the harvest field. The harvest field is within the crowd. (I would have said this differently: The crowd is the harvest field, but the crowd is not the harvest. The harvest is found within the crowd.)
6. Isaiah 46:11 I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it. (NKJV)

What God initiates He always completes.